

COVID-19 STUDENT FAQs



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Communicate
with your
instructor.



Wash hands
often.



Maintain a
6-foot physical
distance.



Stay home if
you are sick.

Am I required to get tested for COVID-19 before returning to campus?

No. Testing is not required for students, faculty or staff before returning to campus. However, testing and medical care should be sought by anyone who suspects they have symptoms. COVID-19 diagnostic testing is available through the **Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)**. Testing may also be obtained through community-based testing sites, commercial providers or a primary care physician. Information about community-based testing is available through SC DHEC. A list of community resources can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/salk-covid-info>.

Am I required to wear a mask?

Face coverings are required in all campus buildings and anywhere on campus where a 6-foot physical distance cannot be maintained. **Policy UNIV 3.04 Communicable Disease Outbreak Mitigation Measures [pdf]** includes specific directives concerning the need and use for face coverings on campus.

Are there options if I can't wear a mask because of health reasons?

The Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) will work with registered students on accommodations related to the mandatory face covering policy. Those accommodations may be an alternative to the standard cloth face covering (such as a face shield) or changes to online instruction, **but the SDRC will not issue any student permission to be in a classroom without a face covering.** **Policy UNIV 3.04 Communicable Disease Outbreak Mitigation Measures [pdf]** includes specific directives concerning the need and use for face coverings on campus. Please contact Jane Brewer at jtbrewer@mailbox.sc.edu for more information.

What are the consequences if I refuse to wear a mask?

Any student who intentionally violates a face-covering mandate may be referred for education and/or disciplinary action.

What kind of face coverings are acceptable?

A face covering is material that covers your nose and mouth and must be worn when inside any campus building. Acceptable face coverings include cloth masks (homemade or commercially made), disposable masks, Medical-Grade Surgical Masks or N95 Respirators.

What do I do if I test positive for Covid-19?

If you are sick, stay home. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, contact your professor. Your instructor will notify the appropriate university staff. All HIPPA regulations will be followed.

If I need to quarantine how will I complete my classwork?

Notify your instructor as soon as possible if you need to quarantine. Classes delivered in person will make provisions for the protracted absence of students who may be quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure. Each instructor will have a plan to deliver make-up instruction remotely. Detailed guidance with respect to policies for attendance and make-up work can be found on the class syllabus.

If classes go virtual and I don't have a computer or internet, can I use the campus computer labs or library to do my work? If not, what do I do?

Should worsening conditions require that classes go online this fall, all students will have access to computer labs and the library during normal hours, as long as campus remains open. If the campus should close, students will not be able to access campus resources. USC Salkehatchie has purchased laptops and mobile hotspots to loan to students who do not have Internet access. More information on this program will be available soon and will be posted on our website.

How will I know if I am exposed to COVID on campus?

USC Salkehatchie will use the SC DHEC to conduct contact tracing protocols. DHEC will explore the possible route of infection or exposure, identify close contacts and other individuals who may be at risk for infection, and notify those individuals of the need to quarantine or isolate. Complying with requests for information from a contact tracer is an important expectation and a necessity for the University to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

What precautions has USC Salkehatchie taken to keep me safe?

The health and well-being of our students is USC Salkehatchie's priority and we have taken numerous precautions and implemented new policies to keep our students safe:

- ▶ Face coverings are required for entry into campus buildings and in outdoor areas where 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.
- ▶ Classroom capacities have been adjusted to reflect best practice recommendations.
- ▶ The CDC recommended physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained where feasible. If spatial adjustment is necessary, USC Salkehatchie will follow WHO guidance of not less than 3 feet in combination with face coverings and other mitigation strategies.
- ▶ Occupancy limits are posted where people might normally congregate.
- ▶ Staffing of custodial and janitorial services has been increased.
- ▶ Cleaning crews are trained to provide enhanced cleaning and sanitizing in all workplaces, offices and classrooms.

If I'm enrolled in a face-to-face class, am I required to attend?

Student success is directly correlated to class attendance. However, students should NOT attend class if they do not feel well. Please communicate with your instructor as soon as possible if you must miss class. Your instructor will provide attendance requirements and make-up work guidelines in the class syllabus.

How can I help keep myself and others safe on campus?

Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the classroom and wipe down your desk/table and chair with appropriate disinfectant at the beginning of class. All wipes should be disposed of in the trash can and not left on the desk or floor. And keep the Salkehatchie Pledge - wear a mask, keep your distance, wash your hands often, follow the signs, and stay at home if you are sick.

How can I get Blackboard training for my online courses?

Blackboard training videos, technical support contact information and many other student resources can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/salk-info>.

Will we have student activities?

Yes! The core focus for programming and student engagement events will be based on students' and staff members' safety and health as well as community and relationship building. Among the changes to be implemented this fall are:

- ▶ Programming and engagement will be focused on smaller groups of students to actively build relationships and community.
- ▶ RSVPs will be required to limit the number of individuals at an event to 50 or less.
- ▶ Social distancing etiquette will be reviewed prior to students' arrival to campus and reiterated in creative ways using videos, social media, etc.
- ▶ Many of our events will be virtual and all our events will comply with current health guidelines.

Where do I get my mask? Parking Decal? Student ID?

Masks will be available at the Information tables set up on each campus Aug. 20, 24, and 25. Students may pick up a parking decal at the bookstore. Check the website for bookstore hours on each campus. Student ID's may be acquired at the library.

What about athletics? Are those still scheduled?

USC Salkehatchie will move its soccer, volleyball and basketball seasons to begin in the spring rather than the fall per the NJCAA adjusted plan of action for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year.

There will still be fall practice for all sports in the fall semester and student athletes will still be enrolling and attending classes in the fall semester for academic as well as eligibility reasons. Volleyball and basketball will begin in January. Soccer will begin in March. Baseball and softball will keep their previously outlined spring seasons.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Brewer, at jtbrewer@mailbox.sc.edu.

I'm having technology issues with my classes. Who do I contact?

The Tech support contact information and many other student resources can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/salk-info>.

Can I get software at no cost to complete my online work?

See the many student resources available on our website at <https://bit.ly/salk-info>.

Where can I find additional or updated information?

Additional information can be found on our [Campus Reopening webpage](#). These resources will be updated quickly to reflect current conditions.